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**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<b>TOTALS</b>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	487	106	35	0	<b>638</b>
NAVY	280	92	28	3	8	<b>411</b>
MARINE CORPS	24	202	21	8	0	<b>255</b>
AIR FORCE	231	165	260	17	0	<b>673</b>
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
CIVILIANS	0	22	12	5	0	<b>39</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2017 *</b>
<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>						
FURTHER PURSUIT	245	500	373	51	4	<b>1173</b>
DEFERRED	60	111	28	2	1	<b>202</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	240	358	26	15	3	<b>642</b>
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

\* INCLUDES 462 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

**ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 566 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973**

**REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	409	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	142	
CAMBODIA	13	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

- \*\* 2 ashes returned from China.
- \*\*\* 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21,707 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

### SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1907
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4820
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5240
DOGTAGS	9740
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21707</b>

- a. Of the 1,907 firsthand reports received since 1975 1,879 (98.53%) reports are resolved.
  - 1,309 (68.64%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
  - 45 (2.36%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 525 (27.53%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 28 (1.47%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 25 (1.31%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 3 (0.16%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

### TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	Total
21	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	28